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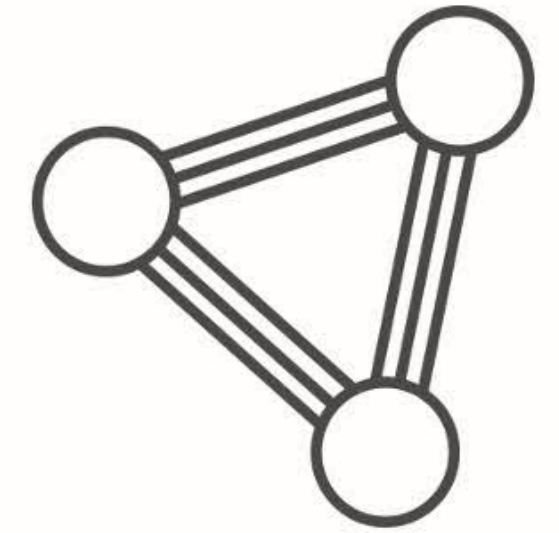
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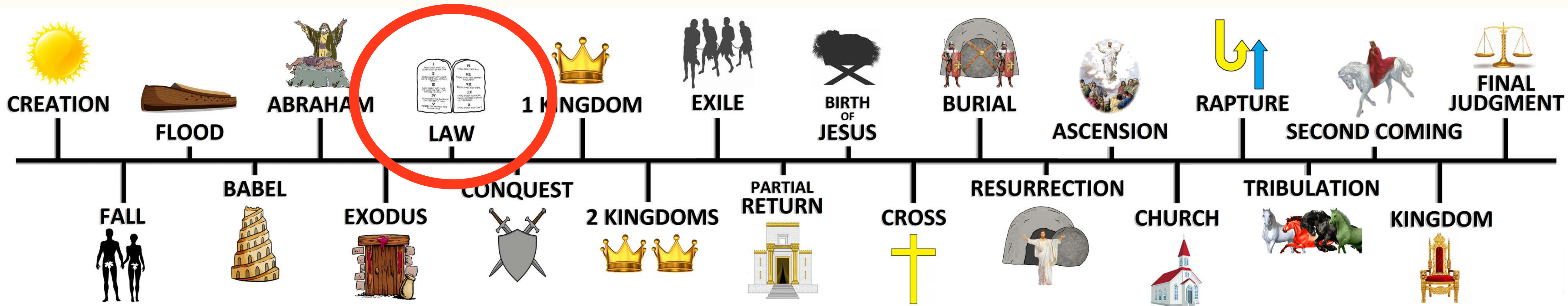
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Lesson 14: God's Perfect Law

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Lesson 14: The Law




Divine Institutions

1. Responsible choice
2. Marriage
3. Family
4. Human government
5. Nations and boundaries
6. Israel

God's Sinai Laws Addressed These Areas

Personal Values




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Society's Shared Values



The icon shows a row of blue silhouettes representing a group of people at the bottom. Above them is a grey thought bubble containing a red thumbs-down icon and a cyan thumbs-up icon, representing shared values within a society.

Formalized Law



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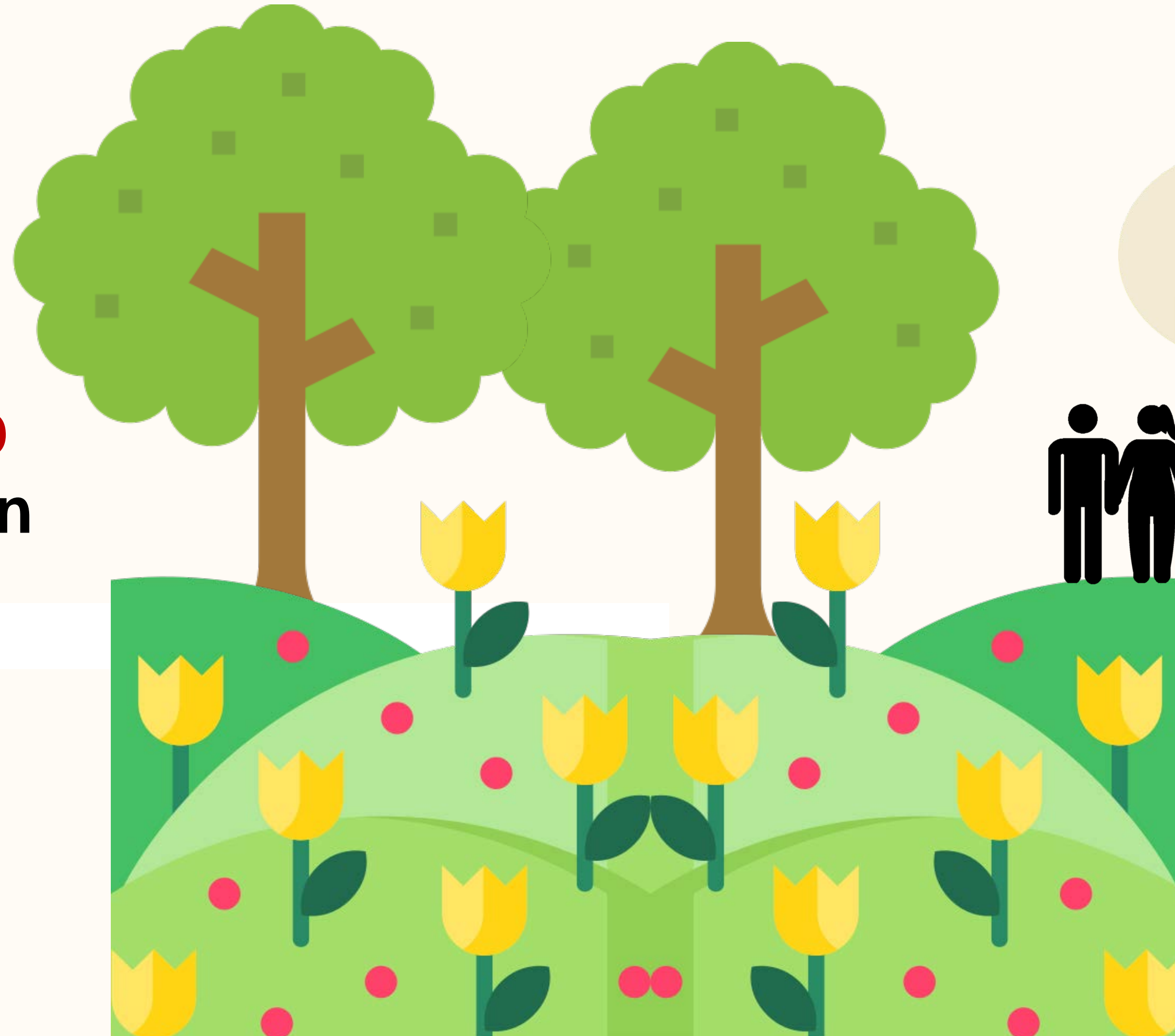
Gen. 2:15, “Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Gen. 2:16, “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

Gen. 2:17, “ ‘but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’ ”

How God Communicated with Adam

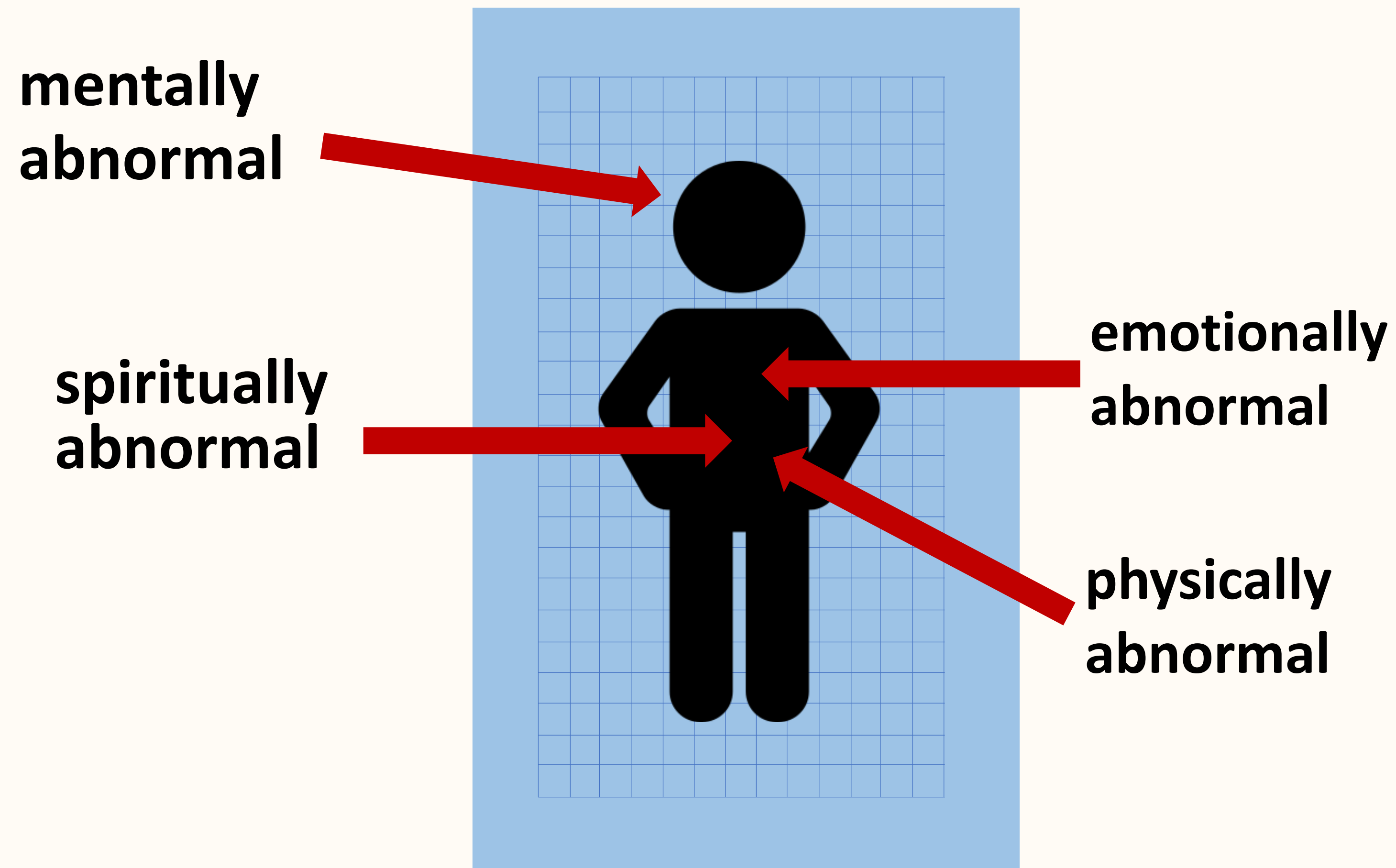
God **SHOWED**
him the garden
He had made.



God **SPOKE** to
him about how
to live well.

Box Question: Is mankind good enough to make good laws? [bottom p. 14]

Fallen Man





Number of fist fights
a week in jail



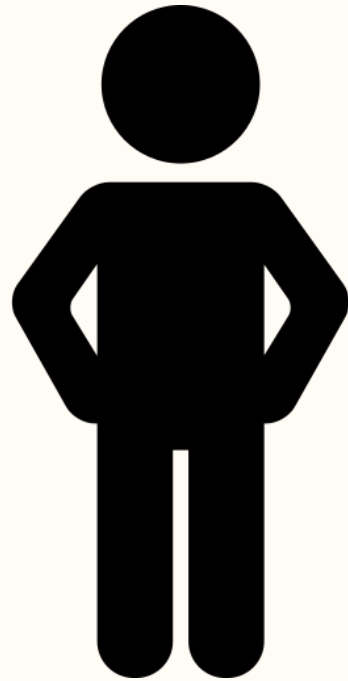
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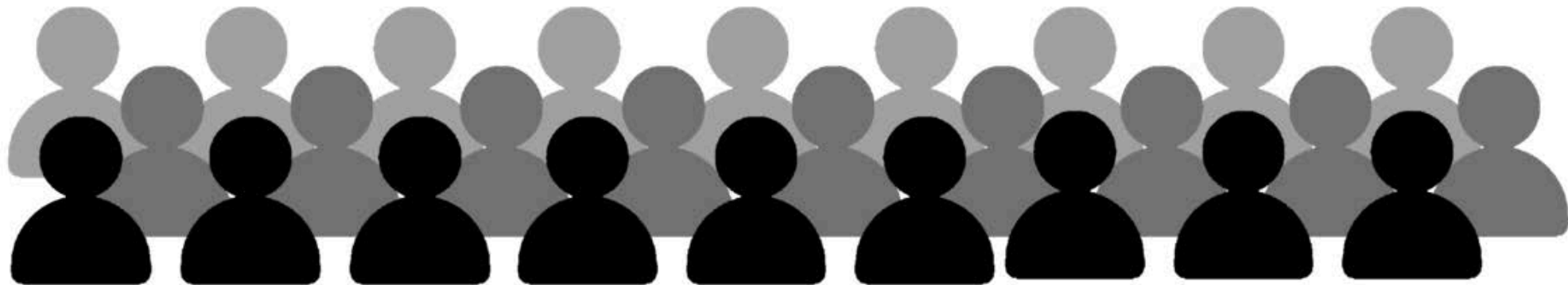


Which standard can fallen man use for lawmaking?

Everyone decides their own standard of right and wrong and argues it out?



Whatever the majority (or 51%) of people think is right and wrong?



God's Law was for individuals as well as the whole society.



Living room
clock

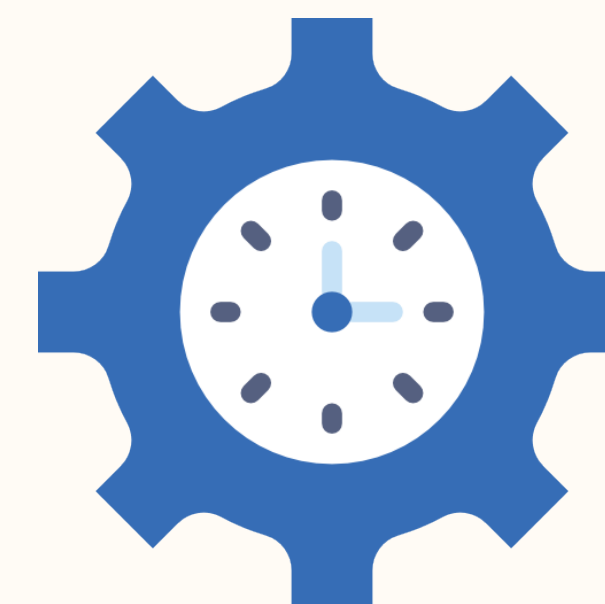


Watch



Bedroom
clock

Calibration Tool

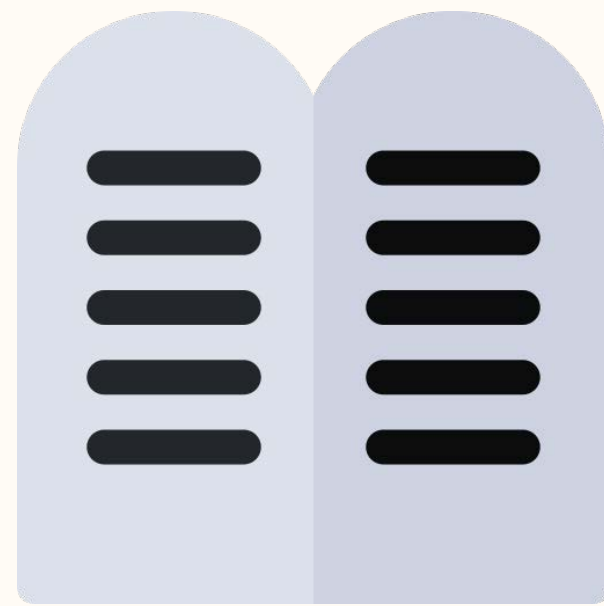


**Coordinated Universal
Time**

How do I know what's right and wrong?

God gave mankind "Calibration Tools"

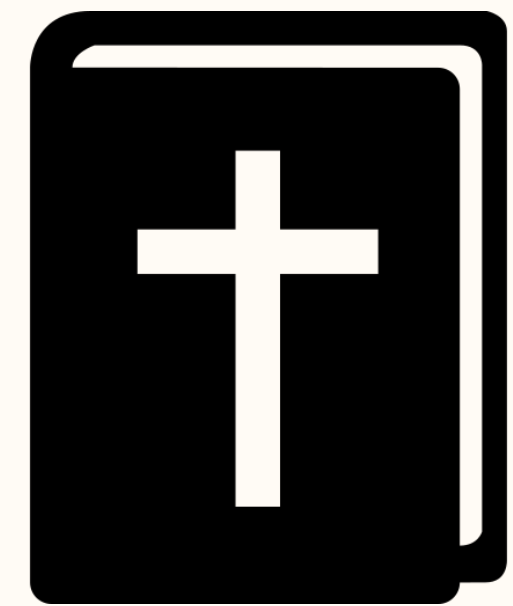
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**Mosaic
Law**



Jesus



**The
Bible**

How do I know what's right and wrong?



Mosaic Law

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Ex. 20:12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”

Ex. 21:15 “And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.”

Ex. 21:17 “And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.”

Deut. 21:18, “If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them,

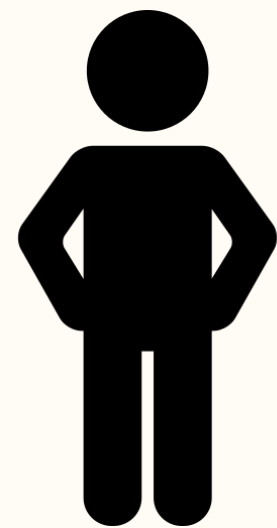
Deut. 21:19, “then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city.

Deut. 21:20, “And they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’

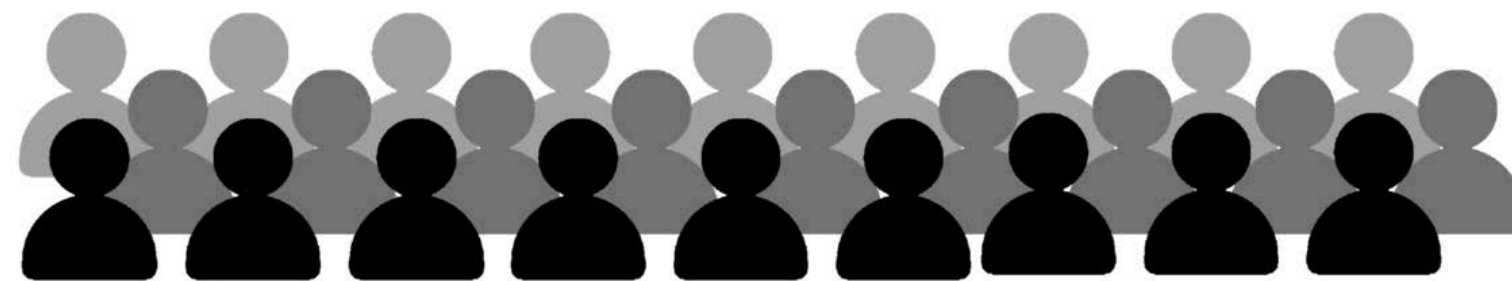
Deut. 21:21, “Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.”

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The Creator-God's standard because He is the ultimate authority?



To love *Yahweh* means to obey Him

How God tells us to love Him



TO LOVE HIM

is

TO OBEY HIM



Deut. 6:4, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

Deut. 6:5, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Deut. 6:6, “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

Deut. 6:7, “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

Deut. 11:13, “And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,”

John 14:21, “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

Jesus the Perfect Law Keeper

James 2:10, “For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.”

Rom. 3:19, “Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Rom. 3:20, “Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”



Standard of Righteousness:

**Obey all 613 laws including 10 Commandments
ALL OF THE TIME**

How can a person move from “unrighteous” to “righteous”?

man: unrighteous

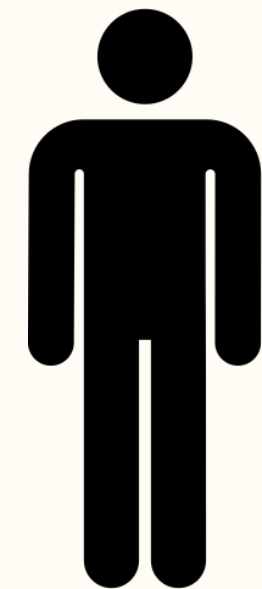
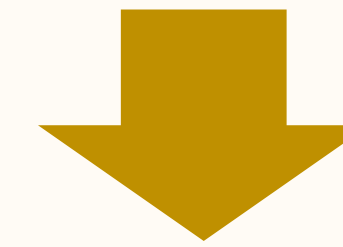
man: innocent

man: righteous

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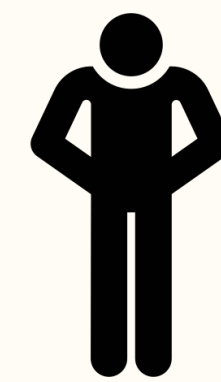


Needs a death to pay for sin



The penalty for sin is death. To go from “unrighteous” to “innocent”, there must be a death to pay for all the sins.

Needs to live a perfect life by God’s standards



To go from “innocent” to “righteous”, an absolutely perfect, obedient, righteous life must have been lived.



Matt. 5:17, “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”

God credits righteousness to believers because of what Jesus did

man: unrighteous

man: innocent

man: righteous

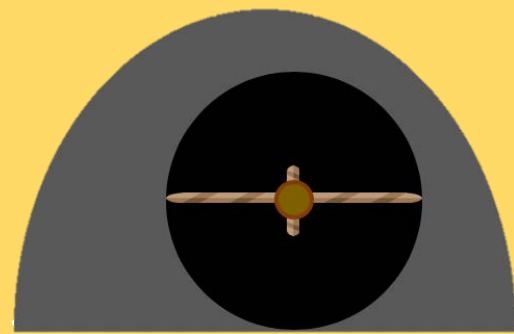
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Jesus paid the penalty of death for man's sin



Jesus lived a perfect life and imputed that to man

applies to all mankind

applies to believers


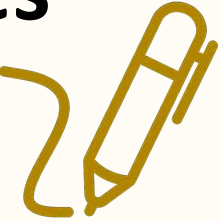




All Man

FAITH

JESUS

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Gal. 3:15, “Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man’s covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.

Gal. 3:16, “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is Christ. [Gen. 22:17: “your descendant (singular ‘seed’) will possess the gate of HIS (singular) enemies”].

Gal. 3:17, “And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.”

Num. 15:32, “Now while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.

Num. 15:33, “And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation.

Num. 15:34, “They put him under guard, because it had not been explained what should be done to him.”

Num. 15:35, “Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp.’”

Num. 15:36, “So, as the LORD commanded Moses, all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died.”

Lev. 20:9, “For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him.

Lev. 20:10, “The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.

Lev. 20:11, “The man who lies with his father’s wife has uncovered his father’s nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.

Lev. 20:12, “If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have committed perversion. Their blood shall be upon them.”

Acts 15:2, “Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

Acts 15:3, “So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren.

Acts 15:4, “And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them.

Acts 15:5, “But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, ‘It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.’ ”

Acts 15:7, “And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: ‘Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.

Acts 15:8, “ ‘So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,

Acts 15:9, “ ‘and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Acts 15:10, “ ‘Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

Acts 15:11, “ ‘But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they.’ ”

Acts 15:12, “Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles.

Acts 15:13, “And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, ‘Men and brethren, listen to me:

Acts 15:14, “ ‘Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.

Acts 15:15, “ ‘And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: [Amos 9:11–12]

Acts 15:16, “ ‘ “After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up;” ’ ”

Acts 15:17, “ ‘ “So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the LORD who does all these things.’ ”

Acts 15:18, “ ‘Known to God from eternity are all His works.’ ”

Acts 15:19, “ ‘Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God,

Acts 15:20, “ ‘but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.’ ”

Acts 15:21, “ ‘For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath.’ ”

Acts 15:22, “Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren.

Acts 15:23, “They wrote this letter by them: The apostles, the elders, and the brethren, to the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.

Acts 15:24, “Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, ‘You must be circumcised and keep the law’—to whom we gave no such commandment—”

Acts 15:25, “it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,


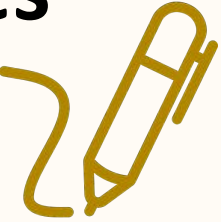

Acts 15:26, “men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 15:27, “We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth.

Acts 15:28, “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

Acts 15:29, “that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.”

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Rom. 10:4, “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

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Eph. 2:14, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,”

Matt. 22:36, “ ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?’

Matt. 22:37, “Jesus said to him, ‘ “You shall love the LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.”

Matt. 22:38, “ ‘This is the first and great commandment.

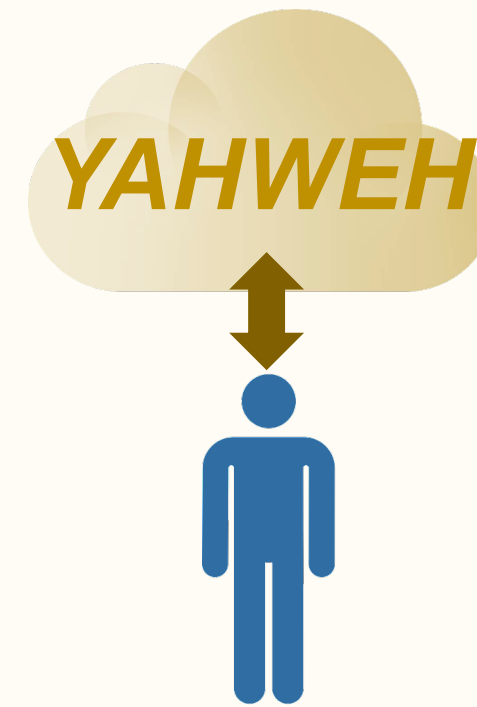
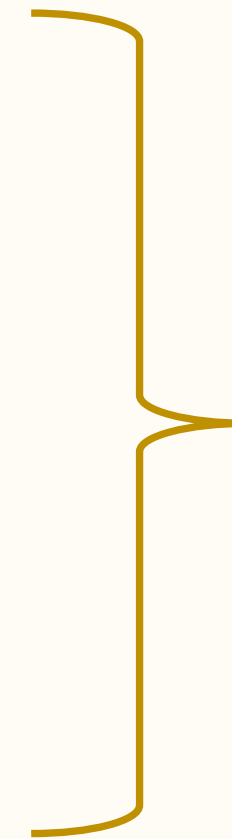
Matt. 22:39, “ ‘And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Matt. 22:40, “ ‘On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.’ ”



Ten Commandments

1. Do not have any gods other than *Yahweh*.
2. Do not make idols or images and worship them.
3. Do not misuse the name of *Yahweh*.
4. Keep the Sabbath day holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. Do not murder.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not testify falsely.
10. Do not covet what is not yours.



LOVE GOD



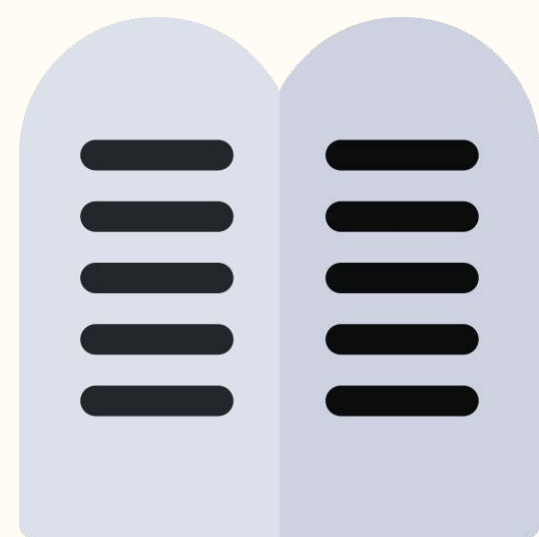
LOVE OTHERS



THE LAW OF CHRIST



replaces



MOSAIC LAW



Apostle Paul follows
the Law of Christ

The Law of Christ

Gal. 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

The Law of Christ

1 Cor. 9:19, “For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more;

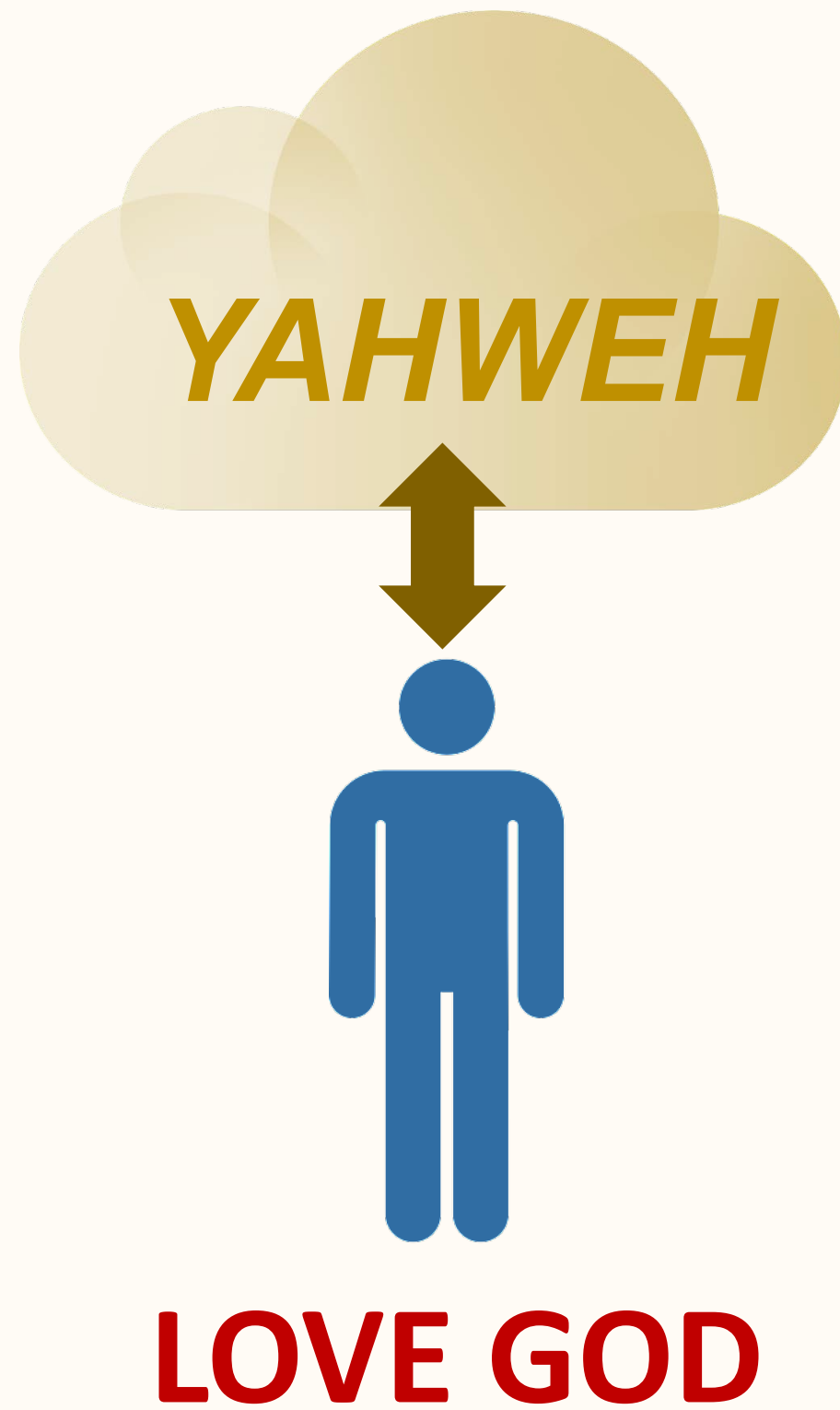
1 Cor. 9:20, “and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law;

1 Cor. 9:21, “to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law;”

Rom. 11:5, “Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

Rom. 11:6, “And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.”

THE LAW OF CHRIST



and



Our Consciences

Rom. 2:14, “for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,

Rom. 2:15, “who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)”

Examples of the Law of Christ in the New Testament

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Rom. 12:9, “Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

Rom. 12:10, “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Rom. 12:11, “not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;”

Examples of the Law of Christ in the New Testament

Rom. 12:12, “rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

Rom. 12:13, “distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Rom. 12:14, “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Rom. 12:15, “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Rom. 12:16, “Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.”

Examples of the Law of Christ in the New Testament

Rom. 12:17, “Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

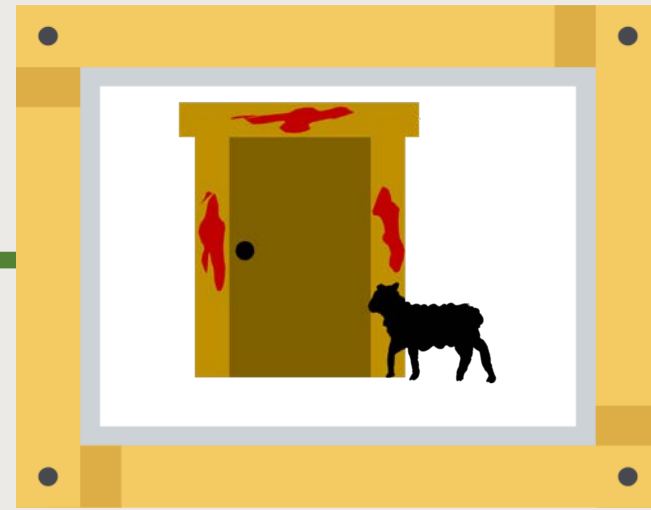
Rom. 12:18, “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

Rom. 12:19, “Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord.

Rom. 12:20, “Therefore ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.’

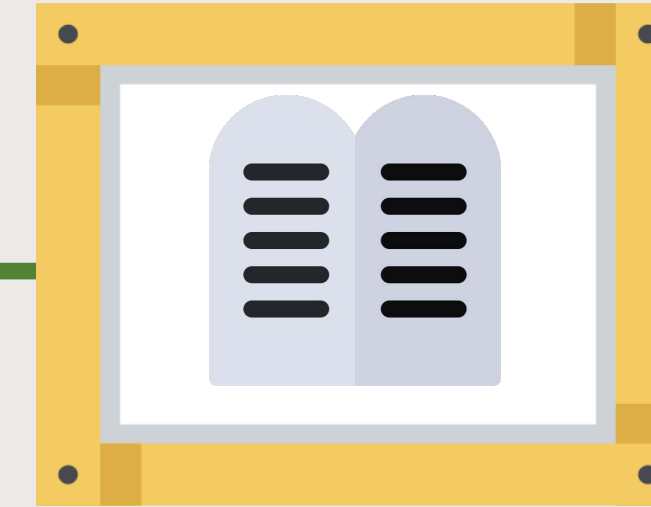
Rom. 12:21, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

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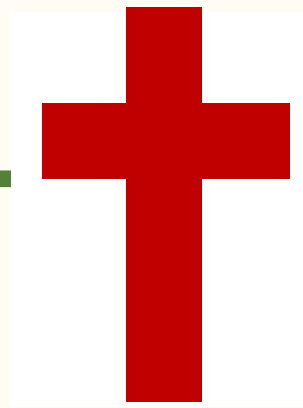


ISRAEL'S EXODUS

... then this happened.



GOD GAVE THE LAW



OUR "EXODUS"



THE LAW OF CHRIST

A Picture of Salvation

- God invited us to trust Him.
- We trusted Him.
- God saved us.

A Picture of Relationship

- God asks us to obey Him out of gratitude for saving us.
- God tells us how to live holy lives as His children: by loving Him and others.

Box Question: Are Christians supposed to keep the Sabbath (Commandment #4)?

Col. 2:16, “So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,

Col. 2:17, “which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.”

Gal. 4:8, “But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods.

Gal. 4:9, “But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?

Gal. 4:10, “You observe days and months and seasons and years.

Gal. 4:11, “I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.

Gal. 4:12, “Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I became like you. You have not injured me at all.”

Rom. 14:5, “One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.”